

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—The Government have not tried the experiment.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Why not try in future?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—We do not propose to try. Because in the first place the Government have no expert orators and secondly we have no faith in that as a cure of evils.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon.—Will you consider that some of the non-official members of this House are expert orators?

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—If factions are created in particular places, will it be a counter-propaganda?

President.—That is a hypothetical question.

169. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to say whether they are aware of the answer of the Government in the British Parliament when questioned by a Member why no prosecution was launched against Pandit Malavya for publishing misrepresentations about the Indian Government of having tortured those who attended the Calcutta Congress and whether the said answer was not to the effect that the good-sense of the public and counter-propaganda were sufficient in the matter?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Government regret that they have no information on the point.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether any attempt was made?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What is the length of notice that the Hon'ble Commissioner had for answering this question?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Can an attempt be made hence to get the information in future?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I think in the opinion of the Government there is no necessity to call for information on the point.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether the Police Commissioner is in the habit of reading papers?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes. Any information that will help us we will read.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Are you in the habit of doing it?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—The information that is asked for in this question is whether the Police Commissioner has read the news in the dailies?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I do not think I have come across any such thing.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—By reading the head lines of the news that are seen in the papers, did not the idea occur to the Commissioner of Police?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I have heard that from the people but I have not read that paper.

170. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government state whether they are aware of a recent incident wherein an over-enthusiastic gentleman who from a procession of the unemployed threw stones at the Prime Minister's window was finally allowed to go scot free?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Government have no information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Any attempt made in this respect?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will they be pleased to find out that information?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Government see no necessity.

171. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has not come to their notice that a political prisoner, Mr. Cherian Manjuran was hand-cuffed and if it has what they have done in the matter?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes. Mr. Cherian Manjuran was hand-cuffed. The Police were obliged to take this step by the rebellious conduct of the prisoner.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It is stated in the answer that his conduct was rebellious. In what way please may I know what was the actual rebellious conduct on his part?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is better for me to read the report of the D. S. P. by way of explanation of his conduct and that will explain the reason for hand cuffing this person. The D. S. P. was of opinion that it would not be safe to take him without being hand-cuffed. That is what he says:

Report dated 31st Edavam 1109 from the Ernakulam D. S. P.—

"I was present in the station when the accused was hand-cuffed. The accused told me to my face that he will not obey orders and that he will go his own way. I told that as he was arrested, it would be advisable to obey orders and to follow the constables to be produced before the Magistrate. His attitude was such as it appeared to me that it would not be safe to send him with the constables without hand-cuffs. When the hand-cuffs were placed on his hands he even resisted and I had again to interfere. Even then I thought it better to remove the hand-cuffs, but his behaviour and attitude showed that he was likely